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*These tests are held in accordance with the January 2023 BMDCA Draft Test Regulations*

## Premium List

### Bernese Mountain Club of America, Draft Test



### **BERNER BASH 24**

Online Store for Berner Bash Merchandise: <https://spreadshop-admin.spreadshirt.com/bmdcr-fall-draft-24/>

Hosted by



10180 Shoup Rd, Black Forest, CO 80908  
Saturday, October 12 & Sunday, October 13, 2024

Saturday: Phil Atkinson and Jennifer Brightbill  
Sunday: Phil Atkinson and Karyn Beyer

This Is an All-Eligible Dogs Draft Test

### **Officers of the BMDCR**

President: Dottie Schulte

Vice President: Alice Clark

Secretary: Rhonda Squires

Treasurer: Elaine Witulski

Board of Directors: Karla Watson, Pam Solomon, Becky Shuris, Sharon Montville, and Julia Smith

### **Draft Test(s) Committee**

#### **Draft Test Chair:**

Lisa Monk, 405 Craig Ct., Woodland Park, CO 80863, 937-684-6771, lisa.monk@ymail.com

#### **Secretary:**

Becky Shuris, 7401 Rozena Dr., Longmont, CO 80503, 720-319-1894, rshuris@comcast.net

#### **Committee Members:**

Bob Shuris, Duke Monk, Lisa Monk

### **Draft Test Judges**

Saturday: Phil Atkinson & Jennifer Brightbill

Sunday: Phil Atkinson & Karyn Beyer

### **Location**

Patti Davieau's Home

10180 Shoup Rd

Black Forest, CO 80908

The basic control, practical draft work exercises, and group stays will be held outdoors in a fenced area with plenty of shade. The freight haul will be held outdoors on meadow terrain, including varying changes in incline and possible unfenced areas. Crates and exercise pens will be allowed at the site other than in areas designated for testing. Pop-up tents or other types of protection from sun or inclement weather are encouraged and may be left set up overnight (at owner's risk) within the private property fencing of the show site.

### **Driving Directions**

From I-25 take Exit 153 InterQuest Pkwy heading East for 1.9 miles. Continue onto CO-83 N for 0.9 miles. Turn Right onto Shoup Rd. The test site will be on the left in 7.6 miles.

### **Veterinarian**

#### **Powers Pet Emergency and Specialty**

**719-473-0482**

5886 Tutt Blvd

Colorado Springs, CO 80923

### **Schedule**

7:00 am: Site open each day

Self-Check In - time to be determined at close of entries.

Equipment checks - to follow Check-in.

Walk-through of maneuvering course and freight haul path to follow. Judging begins as soon as possible after check-in and walk-through.

Lunch break time is at the Judges' discretion.

Awards will be presented at the conclusion of tests each day.

After close of entries, schedule will be sent with the Judging Program to entrants.

### **Awards**

Saturday Qualifying teams will receive a rosette and a Berner Bash themed duffle bag.

Sunday Qualifying teams will receive a rosette and a waterproof picnic blanket.

Each day, the oldest participating Bernese Mountain Dog will receive a dog bandana and beer mug.

## **We Welcome Spectators**

Unentered dogs may be present but must be leashed or crated and under control at all times. Please remember to pick up after your dog(s).

## **Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Test Purpose**

The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America Draft Tests are a series of exercises designed to develop and demonstrate the natural abilities of purebred Bernese Mountain Dogs in a working capacity involving hauling. The Bernese Mountain Dog has historically functioned as a draft dog in various capacities, and performance of these exercises is intended to demonstrate skills resulting from both inherent ability and training which are applicable to realistic work situations. Efficiency in accomplishment of tasks is essential. It is also desirable that the dog evidence willingness and enjoyment of his work in a combination of controlled teamwork with his handler and natural independence.

## **Class Entry Details**

- There will be a limit of 28 entries per test.
- Entry fees \$35 for each single dog team and \$45 for a brace team
- A separate entry form must be filled out for each dog of a brace team and then submitted together. Even though two entry forms are required for each brace team, each brace team will be counted as one entry in the Draft Test entry limit.
- If more than 28 entries are received, they will be prioritized per the following order:
  1. Untitled BMDs
  2. Titled BMDs without Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
  3. Titled BMDs with Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
  4. Untitled other dogs
  5. Titled other dogs without Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
  6. Titled other dogs with Advanced/Master titles in the entered class
- Note: For brace teams, the dog with the lowest level title in the entered class determines the team's priority. If a brace has a BMD and a non-BMD, it is considered a "BMD team" for the above.
- Note that "titled" means titled in the entered class.
- Running Order: A separate random draw to determine the running order for each class for each test.
- Entrants must notify the Draft Test Secretary if a dog has earned a title in the entered class, including if the title is earned after the entry has been submitted.

## **Attention Exhibitors**

- The following classes will be offered: Novice, Brace Novice, Open and Brace Open.
- Handlers must provide their own rigs, harnesses, and tie-downs or other means of securing a load on their particular draft rig.
- Handlers must bring their own weight. Weight will be verified via scale at the test site.
- Entered dogs must be 24 months old or older on the day of the Draft Test.
- Bitches in season are not permitted to compete. Refunds will be given for bitches in season or injured dogs with a veterinary certificate.
- The two dogs of a brace team need not be owned by the same person or by the handler.
- Please remember to be responsible dog owners and pick up after your dog(s).

## **Weight Certificates**

Each Open or Brace Open entry shall include the DWC weight certificate or a certificate that includes the same information that is contained in the DWC WC (available on the BMDCA website) and be signed and dated within 60 days prior to each Draft Test date. The handler is solely responsible for having a valid Weight Certificate. An incorrect Weight Certificate may result in the loss of any qualifying runs.

## **Regulations**

**Draft Test Regulations:** Entrants are responsible for obtaining the BMDCA Draft Test Regulations (revised as of Jan 2023) and being familiar with them.

## **Waiver of Rights**

*Animals in Distress:* The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc. reserves the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked vehicle or crate, and all persons attending these dog events hereby waive

any claim for damages against the clubs for such removal. The Club regards the health, safety, and life of any dog on the show grounds to be paramount to other property or privacy rights. We will attempt to reach the responsible party but cannot guarantee contact will be made before action is taken.

### **Weather**

Sunrise will be at 7:07 AM and sunset will be 6:22 PM. The average temperature on October 12th and 13th in Black Forest ranges from a high of 60° F to a low of 32° F. Daily high temperatures rarely fall below 38° F or exceed 75° F. Daily low temperatures rarely fall below 19° F or exceed 48° F. Please dress appropriately and come prepared for weather that can vary from sun to rain or snow. Potable water is available at the site.

### **Hotel Information**

**Please call for specific rates and to verify pet policies**

**Drury Inn & Suites Colorado Springs Near the Air Force Academy 719-598-2500**

1170 InterQuest Pkwy, Colorado Springs, CO 80921

[https://www.druryhotels.com/locations/colorado-springs-co/drury-inn-and-suites-colorado-springs-near-the-air-force-academy?utm\\_campaign=gmb&utm\\_medium=organic&utm\\_source=local](https://www.druryhotels.com/locations/colorado-springs-co/drury-inn-and-suites-colorado-springs-near-the-air-force-academy?utm_campaign=gmb&utm_medium=organic&utm_source=local)

Dogs accepted. Rooms with pets will be charged a daily fee of \$50 per room plus tax. Limit of two dogs per room.

### **Camping**

Entrants have the option of overnight camping at the show site. Please notify Patti Davieau ahead of time if you intend to camp at the site.

### **Refreshments & Lunch**

The BMDCR will provide a continental breakfast each morning. Donations toward expenses will be greatly appreciated. Anyone stewarding all day will be provided with a free lunch!

- Saturday - three amazing guys are gearing up to ignite the grill and prepare a mouthwatering lunch! Let's take a break and make this lunch an unforgettable experience! Details for placing your order to be a part of the fun and judge who is the best can be found at [bmdcr.org/DraftTests.html](http://bmdcr.org/DraftTests.html)
- Sunday – Pizza party featuring a delicious assortment of pizzas and tasty Caesar salad. Ordering details are provided online at [bmdcr.org/DraftTests.html](http://bmdcr.org/DraftTests.html)

### **Judges Dinner**

Everyone is welcome to attend dinner, Saturday night on site. Dinner will include salad, gumbo, rice, cornbread and dessert. Ordering details provided online at [bmdcr.org/DraftTests.html](http://bmdcr.org/DraftTests.html)

### **Entries and Payment**

#### **To Enter Online:**

1. Pay Entry fee online <http://www.bmdcr.org/DraftTests.html>
2. Single Dog Team \$35; Brace Dog Team \$45
3. Email the completed Entry Form and Weight Certificate (if required) to Becky Shuris, Draft Secretary: [rshuris@comcast.net](mailto:rshuris@comcast.net)


#### **Entries By Mail:**

1. Make checks payable to **BMDCR**
    - Single Dog Team \$35; Brace Dog Team \$45
  2. Complete Entry Form for each dog/class entered.
    - Please type entry form (Multiple days for **one** class can be marked on one entry form)
  3. Weight Certificate if applicable for class entered
  4. Mail Completed Entry Forms & Fees to:  
Becky Shuris Draft Test Secretary, 7401 Rozena Dr., Longmont, CO 80503
- ⇒ If sending overnight, registered or certified mail envelopes must be released without a signature. Signature required entries MAY NOT be accepted.

# BMDCR FALL DRAFT TEST 2024 ENTRY FORM

**Close of Entries**

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- Entrants will receive confirmation via email.
- One form per dog/class entered. Multiple days for the same class can all be marked on one entry form.
- **Entries will not be processed until all forms and payment are submitted.**

<b>Breed:</b>			<b>Sex:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
<b>Class:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice	<input type="checkbox"/> Brace Novice:	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Dog 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Open	<input type="checkbox"/> Brace Open: <input type="checkbox"/> Dog 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Dog 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Open Weight Certificate Enclosed		<b>In Entered Class Dog Is:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Titled <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Titled		<b>In Entered Class:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Could Earn Advanced Title	
<input type="checkbox"/> Test 100 Saturday, October 12, 2024		<input type="checkbox"/> Test 200 Sunday, October 13, 2024			
<b>Registered Name</b> (please include titles)					
<b>Call Name</b>			<b>Berner-Garde #</b> (required)		
<b>Date of Birth</b>			<b>DNA #</b> (Nationals Only)		
<b>Registration #</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> American Kennel Club <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Kennel Club		
<b>Breeder</b>					
<b>Sire</b>					
<b>Dam</b>					
<b>Actual Owner(s)</b>					
<b>Owners Address</b>					
<b>City</b>			<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>			<b>E-mail</b>		
<b>Name of Participant</b>					
<b>I have read, understand, and agree to the Entry Agreement.</b> <i>Check Box.</i>				 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Date</b>
<b>SUBMITTING THIS FORM CONSTITUTES YOUR AGREEMENT TO THE TERMS OF THE ENTRY AGREEMENT</b>					

# ENTRY AGREEMENT

I understand that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry. I agree that I am solely responsible for the actions of myself and the dog ("the dog") that accompanies me in relationship to this entry.

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry and the opportunity to participate in this event, I agree to **HOLD HARMLESS and INDEMNIFY** the following listed parties from any claim for loss, damage or injury alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly by my actions or by the actions of the dog in relationship to this event : the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (BMDCA) and the event-giving club, their members, officers, and agents; the owner and/or leaser of the premises; any provider of services at this event; any employees or volunteers of the parties listed here, and any BMDCA Draft Judge judging at this event. I personally assume **all responsibility and liability** for any such claim. I agree to be responsible for any loss and expense (including legal fees) incurred by any of the listed parties based on claims related in any way to my participation or the actions of the dog in relationship to this event, whether the claims are made by third parties or by myself.

Additionally, I agree to assume the sole responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury (including death) to myself or to the dog in relationship to this event. I agree to **RELEASE, INDEMNIFY and promise not to sue** the parties listed above for any such loss, damage or injury to myself or the dog, regardless of the cause, and whether or not the loss, damage or injury may have been caused by the negligence of the listed parties.

**I AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO THE ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE BMDCA BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE BMDCA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.**

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I agree to abide by rules and regulations of the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (BMDCA) in effect at the time of this BMDCA Draft Test and by any additional rules appearing in the premium list for this event. I certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. **I also certify that all the information I provide with this entry is true and correct.** This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I agree to conduct myself in accordance with all such Rules and Regulations (including all provisions applying to discipline) and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.

**Submitting this form constitutes your  
agreement to the terms of the Entry Agreement**

**BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA  
DRAFT TEST WEIGHT CERTIFICATE**

NAME OF VET CLINIC: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER/HANDLER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DOG'S CALL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**VET CLINIC TO FILL IN BY HAND:**

I verify on \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ : Weighed \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.  
*(date)* *(dog's call name)* *(insert weight)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Signature** of Vet Clinic employee witnessing weight of dog)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Position of Vet Clinician)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name of Vet employee signing this form)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Clinic Phone #)

Please provide **Vet Clinic Stamp** below, **with name and address of the Clinic**, OR have the information above printed/provided on the Vet Clinic's letterhead.

VET STAMP HERE:





***YOUR SPONSORSHIP OF A DRAFT TROPHY WILL GUARANTEE ALL QUALIFYING TEAMS GET TREATS INSTEAD OF TRICKS. SIMPLY CLICK ON DRAFT TROPHY SPONSORSHIP ON THE BMDCR WEBSITE TO MAKE YOUR DONATION.***

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